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COUNCIL BUSINESS FOR 1916

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 1916

The chairman of the retiring Committee on Academic Freedom and Academic Tenure was authorized "to publish the report of the general committee, and to distribute it as he may think best."

The chairman was also authorized "to print and publish the reports of the special committees of inquiry."

The President of the Association, together with the chairman of the new Committee on Academic Freedom and Academic Tenure, was authorized to fill vacancies in this committee with the approval of the Executive Committee.

It was voted that the President of the Association be chairman of the Executive Committee, and that Messrs. Commons, John Dewey, Lovejoy, Coulter, and the Secretary of the Association, when elected, be appointed members of the Executive Committee.

Professor H. W. Tyler, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was elected Secretary.

The three special committees previously appointed were continued.

The Executive Committee was authorized "to appoint a special committee on 'Qualifications for Membership, and Lapse of Membership.'"

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL JANUARY 1, TO APRIL 1, 1916

The following actions have been taken by the Council since the beginning of the present year:

- (1) Authorizing the publication of a BULLETIN.
- (2) Authorizing the appointment of committees as stated in BULLETIN No. 1, page 7.
- (3) Authorizing the following procedure in regard to the business of the Treasurer's office:

The Treasurer is authorized:

- (a) to pay the salary of \$500 to an Assistant Secretary in monthly installments on approval of the Secretary;

(b) to pay any bill of not more than \$25 when approved by the President and by the Secretary;

(c) to pay other bills only when the subject of expense has been specifically authorized by the Council, and the bill therefor has received the approval of the President and the Secretary.

(d) The President and the Secretary are authorized to approve bills for clerical services, postage, etc., amounting to not more than \$15 and for committee expenses when certified by the Chairman of any committee.

(e) If and when the Executive Committee approves a budget for the year, bills for expenses incurred pursuant to the budget and exceeding \$25 in amount may be paid by the Treasurer on approval of the President and the Secretary, without further submission to the Council.

(4) Authorizing the following plan for temporary membership:

Any person duly nominated by three members may be presented to the Council for approval as a temporary member, and, if approved without dissent, may, on payment of \$1, be placed on the BULLETIN mailing list for the year, pending election to full membership at the next annual meeting. He may, meantime, be invited to attend meetings of any local chapter for which he would be ultimately eligible.

(5) *Committee Appointments*.—Members of the Council have been invited to make nominations for the ten committees authorized; also for committees previously authorized on Academic Freedom and on Qualifications for Membership. The list of chairmen selected follows below. BULLETIN No. 3 will contain the lists of members of the committees.

(6) The Council has (April 6) voted to add the Treasurer, Prof. J. C. Rolfe to the Executive Committee, and to approve the recommendations of the Executive Committee as to budget, committees and Council procedure. (See below.)

Chairmen of Committees

- A) *Academic Freedom*, Young (Econ.), Cornell
- B) *Appointment and Promotion*, Coulter (Botany), Chicago
- C) *Recruiting the Teaching Profession* (Scholarships and Fellowships), Barnett (Econ.), Hopkins
- D) *Limits of Standardization*, Holgate (Math.), Northwestern
- E) *Membership*, Woodward (Law), Stanford
- F) *Local Chapters*, Commons (Econ.), Wisconsin

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- G) *Decline of Intellectual Interests*, Greene (Hist.), Illinois
- H) *Migration of Graduate Students*, Leuschner (Astron.),
California
- I) *University Ethics*, Dewey (Philos.), Columbia
- J) *Honorary Degrees*, Wenley (Philos.), Michigan
- K) *Graduate Work at Washington*, Durand (Stat.), Minnesota
- L) *Latin-American Cooperation*, Rowe (Pol. Sci.), Pennsylv-
ania
- M) *Recommendations of Pan-American Scientific Congress*,
Ford (Spanish), Harvard
- N) *University Handbook*, Cattell (Psychol.), Columbia
- O) *Requirements for Ph.D.*, Angell (Psychol.), Chicago

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Council of the Association met in Chicago March 11, the President, Professors Commons and Coulter, and the Secretary attending. (A conference had previously been held in New York, by the Secretary, with the other members of the committee.)

The following provisional budget was recommended to the Council:

<i>Budget</i>	
Balance in Treasury January 1 (estimated),	\$350
Estimated receipts from dues,	2,900
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Total	\$3,250
Estimated Expenditures:	
Bulletin, 8 issues, 180 pages, extra copies	
and postage,	\$700
Treasurer's office,	75
President's office,	75
Secretary's office,	250
Secretary's travelling expenses,	200
Assistant secretary's salary,*	500
Academic Freedom committee,	200
Academic Freedom, 1915 reports,	500
Other committees,	500
Annual meeting, December 1916,	100
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	\$3,100
Margin not including receipts from sales	
or from temporary members.	150
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	\$3,250

* Authorized by the Association at the Washington meeting.

Academic Freedom Report.—On the basis of previous authorization by the Council it was agreed to approve, subject to the limit of cost in the provisional budget, the printing of 4,000 additional copies of the general report on Academic Freedom and Academic Tenure, for circulation among colleges, universities, and libraries, and for members of the Political Science Association and the Sociological Society. (The American Economic Association will reprint the report.)

Chairmen and Members of Committees.—The list of committee chairmen, as printed under Council Business for 1916, page (15), was recommended to the Council, and after a careful canvass of nominations made by members of the Council, for the membership in these committees, lists of members were drawn up for submission to the Council.

Committee Titles.—It was voted to recommend that the Council amend the titles of Committees I and O to read respectively:

A Committee on University Ethics.

A Committee on Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Carnegie Foundation.—It was voted to recommend to the Council the authorization of a committee on pensions and life insurance for college and university professors. The President stated that he had written Dr. Pritchett of the Carnegie Foundation in regard to possible consideration by a committee of this Association of the new plans of the Foundation.

Council Procedure.—In view of the inadequate opportunity for discussion of questions presented to the Council, it was voted to recommend that:

In case of five or more negative votes on any question, accompanied by a statement of reasons, the question shall be resubmitted with a statement of these reasons and the names of members presenting them.

Local Chapters.—It was voted to approve sending a letter (reprinted on p. 18) signed by the President and the Secretary to a member of the Association in each institution (to be selected on the basis of academic seniority) requesting that he either call a meeting for local organization or arrange with some other member to do so.